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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 5, 1949

Mr. LUCAS (for himself, Mr. O'CONOR, Mr. FLANDERS, and Mr. BALDWIN)  
introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the  
Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JANUARY 11, 1949

Reported, under authority of the order of the Senate of January 10, 1949, by  
Mr. O'CONOR, with amendments

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**A BILL**

To increase rates of compensation of the President, Vice President, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and heads and assistant heads of executive departments and independent agencies.

1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2     *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3     That (a) section 102 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
4     amended to read as follows:

5             "COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT •

6             "SEC. 102. The President shall receive in full for his  
7     services during the term for which he shall have been  
8     elected compensation in the aggregate amount of \$150,000

1 a year, to be paid monthly, consisting of \$100,000 for salary  
2 and an expense allowance of \$50,000 to assist in defraying  
3 expenses relating to or resulting from the discharge of his  
4 official duties, for which expense allowance no tax liability  
5 shall accrue and for which no accounting shall be made  
6 by him. He shall be entitled also to the use of the furniture  
7 and other effects belonging to the United States and kept  
8 in the Executive Mansion."

9 (b) Section 104 of title 3 of the United States Code  
10 (relating to salary of the Vice President) is amended by  
11 striking out "\$20,000" and inserting in lieu thereof  
12 "\$30,000".

13 (c) Chapter 2 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
14 amended by adding at the end thereof the following new  
15 section:

16 "EXPENSE ALLOWANCE OF VICE PRESIDENT

17 "SEC. 111. There shall be paid to the Vice President  
18 in equal monthly installments an expense allowance of  
19 \$10,000 per annum to assist in defraying expenses relat-  
20 ing to or resulting from the discharge of his official duties,  
21 for which no tax liability shall occur or accounting be made  
22 by him."

23 (d) The matter following the semicolon in section 601  
24 (a) of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as  
25 amended, is amended to read as follows: "and the com-

1   pensation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives  
2   shall be at the rate of \$30,000 per annum”.

3       (e) There shall be paid to the Speaker of the House  
4   of Representatives in equal monthly installments an expense  
5   allowance of \$10,000 per annum (which shall be in lieu  
6   of the allowance provided by section 601 (b) of the Legisla-  
7   tive Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended) to assist in  
8   defraying expenses relating to or resulting from the discharge  
9   of his official duties, for which no tax liability shall occur or  
10   accounting be made by him.

11       (f) *The allowance for clerical assistance to the Vice*  
12   *President contained in the Legislative Branch Appropriation*  
13   *Act for the fiscal year 1949, at rates of compensation to be*  
14   *fixed by him in multiples of \$5 per month, hereby is increased*  
15   *from \$32,385 per annum to \$45,000 per annum.*

16       SEC. 2. The rate of basic compensation of the head of  
17   each executive department and of the Secretary of Defense  
18   shall be \$25,000 per annum.

19       SEC. 3. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
20   Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Adminis-  
21   trator for Economic Cooperation, the Comptroller General  
22   of the United States, the Chairman of the Council of Eco-  
23   nomic Advisers, the Director of the Bureau of the Budget,  
24   the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board,  
25   the Federal Security Administrator, the Administrator of

1 Veterans' Affairs, the Chairman of the Board of Governors  
2 of the Federal Reserve System, each Under Secretary of  
3 an executive department, the Assistant to the Attorney  
4 General, the Solicitor General of the United States, and  
5 the First Assistant Postmaster General shall be \$22,500  
6 per annum.

7 (b) Section 105 of title 3 of the United States Code is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 "COMPENSATION OF SECRETARIES AND EXECUTIVE, ADMIN-  
10 ISTRACTIVE, AND STAFF ASSISTANTS TO PRESIDENT

11 "SEC. 105. The President is authorized to fix the com-  
12 pensation of the six administrative assistants authorized to  
13 be appointed under section 106 of this title, of the Executive  
14 Secretary of the National Security Council, and of five other  
15 secretaries or other immediate staff assistants in the White  
16 House Office as follows: Two at rates not exceeding \$22,500  
17 per annum, three at rates not exceeding \$20,000 per annum,  
18 and seven at rates not exceeding \$17,500 per annum."

19 (c) The first sentence of section 106 of title 3 of the  
20 United States Code is amended to read as follows: "The  
21 President is authorized to appoint not to exceed six admin-  
22 istrative assistants and to fix their compensation in accordance  
23 with section 105 of this title."

24 SEC. 4. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
25 Housing and Home Finance Administrator, the Federal

1 Works Administrator, the members (other than the chair-  
2 man) of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve  
3 System, the members (other than the Chairman) of the  
4 Council of Economic Advisers, the members (other than the  
5 Chairman) of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Public  
6 Printer, the Librarian of Congress, the Federal Mediation  
7 and Conciliation Director, the Chairman of the Munitions  
8 Board, the Chairman of the Research and Development  
9 Board, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Deputy  
10 Administrator for Economic Cooperation, the Assistant  
11 Comptroller General of the United States, the Assistant Di-  
12 rector of the Bureau of the Budget, the Executive Assistant  
13 Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and the Assistant Federal  
14 Security Administrator shall be \$20,000 per annum.

15 (b) The first sentence of section 603 of title 28 of  
16 the United States Code (relating to the salary of the  
17 Director of the Administrative Office of the United States  
18 Courts) is amended to read as follows:

19 "The Director shall receive a salary of \$20,000 a  
20 year."

21 SEC. 5. (a) The rate of basic compensation of the  
22 members of the Home Loan Bank Board; the Public Hous-  
23 ing Commissioner; the Federal Housing Commissioner; the  
24 Housing Expediter; the War Assets Administrator; the

1 Director of Selective Service; the Director of Aeronautical  
2 Research of the National Advisory Committee for Aero-  
3 nautics; the Archivist of the United States; of all members  
4 of the Civil Aeronautics Board; the Displaced Persons Comm-  
5 mission; the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank  
6 of Washington; the Federal Communications Commission;  
7 the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance  
8 Corporation (including the Comptroller of the Currency),  
9 the Federal Power Commission; the Federal Trade Com-  
10 mission; the Interstate Commerce Commission; the Na-  
11 tional Labor Relations Board; the National Mediation  
12 Board; the Railroad Retirement Board; the Board of Direc-  
13 tors of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; the Se-  
14 curities and Exchange Commission; the Board of Directors  
15 of the Tennessee Valley Authority; the Civil Service Com-  
16 mission; the United States Maritime Commission; the United  
17 States Tariff Commission; the Indian Claims Commission;  
18 the War Claims Commission; the Philippine War Damage  
19 Commission; the Board of Commissioners of the District  
20 of Columbia; of the General Counsel of the National Labor  
21 Relations Board; each Assistant Secretary of an executive  
22 department (including the Fiscal Assistant Secretary of  
23 the Treasury); each Assistant Attorney General; the Assist-  
24 ant Solicitor General of the United States; the Counselor  
25 of the Department of State; the Second, Third, and Fourth

1 Assistant Postmasters General; the Associate Federal Media-  
2 tion and Conciliation Director; the Deputy Director of  
3 Central Intelligence; the Philippine Alien Property Admin-  
4 istrator; the Chief Assistant Librarian of Congress; the  
5 Deputy Public Printer; the Architect of the Capitol; the  
6 Assistant Federal Works Administrator; and of the Gov-  
7 ernors of Alaska, Hawaii, the Virgin Islands, and the  
8 Panama Canal shall be at the rate of \$17,500 per annum.  
9 *Notwithstanding the Act of February 23, 1931 (5 U. S. C.*  
10 *152a), the salary of the legal adviser of the Department*  
11 *of State shall not be increased as a result of this Act.*

12 (b) The second sentence of section 603 of title 28 of  
13 the United States Code (relating to the compensation of the  
14 Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the United  
15 States Courts) is amended to read as follows: "The Assistant  
16 Director shall receive a salary of \$17,500 a year."

17 SEC. 6. In any case in which the chairman or other head  
18 of a board or commission, the rate of basic compensation for  
19 members of which is prescribed by section 5 of this Act,  
20 has important duties or responsibilities not imposed upon  
21 other members of such board or commission, the President  
22 is authorized in his discretion to fix the compensation of such  
23 chairman or other head at the rate of \$20,000 per annum.

24 SEC. 7. The foregoing provisions of this Act shall take  
25 effect at noon on January 20, 1949.

1        SEC. 8. (a) Section 304 of the Postal Rate Revision and  
2        Federal Employees Salary Act of 1948 is hereby repealed  
3        effective as of July 3, 1948. No additional compensation  
4        shall be payable by reason of the enactment of this section for  
5        any period prior to the date of enactment of this Act in the  
6        case of any person who is not an employee in or under the  
7        municipal government of the District of Columbia on such  
8        date of enactment.

9        (b) Effective as of the first day of the first pay period  
10       which began after June 30, 1948, each of the rates of basic  
11       compensation provided by sections 412 and 415 of the  
12       Foreign Service Act of 1946 (U. S. C., title 22, secs. 867  
13       and 870) which do not exceed \$10,000 are hereby increased  
14       by \$330. No additional compensation shall be payable by  
15       reason of the enactment of this section for any period prior  
16       to the date of enactment of this Act in the case of any person  
17       who is not a Foreign Service officer or a Foreign Service  
18       staff officer or employee on such date.



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